

**Passion/Palm Sunday
MARCH 23-24, 2024**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Worship - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements
 Invocation
 Blessing of Palms
 Hymn (v.1 &5) ELW 344
 Call to Worship
 Confession & Forgiveness
 Litany of Praise
 Prayer of the Day
 Bible Readings
 Responsive Gospel Reading
 Message
 Hymn of the Day ELW 353
 Creed, Prayers and Peace
 Offertory
 The Words of Communion
 Communion
 The Lord's Prayer
 Blessing & Sending

Sunday Worship - 10am

Invocation
 Blessing of Palms
 Palm Sunday Processional ELW 344
 Welcome
 Confession & Forgiveness
 Prayer of the Day
 First Bible Reading
 Psalm of the Day Psalm 31:9-16
 Second Bible Reading
 Responsive Gospel Reading
 Today's Message
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 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
St. John's Bell Choir
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 Dismissal



**WEEKLY WORSHIP
BULLETIN FOR
ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Today's Bible Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a	Pew Bible p. 594
Philippians 2:5-11	Pew Bible p. 954
Psalm 31:9-16	Pew Bible p. 439
Responsive Gospel Reading	See Screen

Today's Message

"From Victory to Suffering"

by Rev. Ralph Mineo

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE:



OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Lynn Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Nancy Varner, Carol Schroeck, Barb Huff, Bill, the family of Sylvia Rekitt, and the family of Marilyn Sommers.

Cancer treatments: Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, Vernon Thompson, Michelle S., Natalie Zimmerly, David Gaston, Michelle S., Carol B., Christina D., Barb & Jim Wenner, Rosemary, Rev. Jerry Gray, and the family & friends of Robert Seelar.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Glicerica Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., Ian Minner, and Jason Beeler.

Other prayer requests: The congregation of St. John's to remain strong and faithful as we journey through the months to come.

Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.

We would like to thank the Bell Choir for their gift of music this morning.

On Easter Sunday, we will be blessed with several special music selections adding to our worship. Joining us as we praise the Risen Lord will be instrumentalists from the Gem City Band and St. John's Chancel Choir